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1. WASHINGTON POST 1 FEBRUARY ARTICLE TITLED, "GUYANA EXPLOITS KGB TIE TO JONESTOWN" PURPORTS TO DESCRIBE BOTH KGB AND CIA INVOLVEMENT "IN THE JONESTOWN AFFAIR". FINAL TWO PARAGRAPHS INSINUATE CIA HAD KNOWLEDGE OF JONESTOWN EVENTS BEFORE STATE DEPARTMENT.

2. LEAD PARAGRAPH AS FOLLOWS:

"SO MANY STRANGE THINGS HAPPEN IN GUYANA, LONG A PLAYING FIELD FOR THE WORLD'S TWO FOREMOST INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES, THAT IT SEEMED ALMOST INEVITABLE TO MANY INFORMED DIPLOMATS AND GUYANESE THAT THE KGB AND CIA WOULD SOMEHOW BECOME INVOLVED IN THE JONESTOWN AFFAIR"

3. ARTICLE CLOSES:

"THE BEST EVIDENCE OF CIA INVOLVEMENT AFTER THE NOV. 18 INCIDENT HAS TO DO WITH A MYSTERIOUS CABLE SENT AT 9:18 P.M. THE NIGHT REP. LEO RYAN WAS KILLED. ACCORDING TO A REPORTER WHO SAW THE CABLE, IT TOLD OF THOSE WHO WERE KILLED AND WOUNDED AT PORT KAITUMA. INFORMATION THE STATE DEPARTMENT DID NOT HAVE UNTIL LATE IN THE NEXT MORNING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE U.S. EMBASSY HERE SAID THE CABLE WAS NOT AMONG THOSE SENT TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THE REPORTER WHO SAW THE CABLE SAID THE CABLE ADDRESS WAS BLOCKED OUT ON THE COPY SHOWN TO HIM."

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